

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. Anhydrous, antiperspirant compositions comprising:
  - a. a skin-adhering system comprising:
    - i) a skin-adhering polymer;
    - ii) one or more volatile solvents;
  - b. antiperspirant active;
  - c. thickening agent; and
  - d. an anhydrous carrierin an amount sufficient to provide antiperspirant efficacy.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition comprises
  - a. a skin-adhering system comprising:
    - i) from about 0.1% to about 30%, by weight, of a skin-adhering polymer;
    - ii) from about 0.1 to about 60%, by weight, of one or more volatile solvents;
  - b. from about 0.1 to about 30%, by weight, of an antiperspirant active;
  - c. from about 0.1 to about 35%, by weight, of a thickening agent; and
  - d. from about 10% to about 70%, by weight, of an anhydrous carrier.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the skin-adhering polymer is selected from the group consisting of acrylate polymers/co-polymers, silicone polymers/co-polymers, and mixtures thereof.
4. The composition of claim 3 wherein the acrylate polymer/co-polymer comprises monomers selected from the group consisting of acrylate monomers, methacrylate monomers, and mixtures thereof.
5. The composition of claim 3 wherein the silicone polymer/co-polymer comprises copolymers selected from the group consisting of silicone-acrylate copolymers, silicone-urethane copolymers, silicone-maleic anhydride copolymers, silicone resin copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the skin-adhering polymer has a glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) of from at least about  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to about  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
7. The composition of claim 1 wherein the skin-adhering polymer exhibits film-formation at or above the entanglement molecular weight of the polymer used.
8. The composition of claim 1 wherein the ratio of the weight composition of polymer is directly proportional to the weight composition of the thickening agent wherein the weight composition of the polymer is from about 2 to about 0.5 and the weight composition of the thickening agent is at least about 1.
9. The composition of claim 1 wherein the volatile solvent is selected from the group consisting of alcohols, silicone fluids, fluorinated solvents, and mixtures thereof.
10. The composition of claim 9 wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, and mixtures thereof.
11. The composition of claim 1 wherein the antiperspirant active is selected from the group consisting of zirconium salts, aluminum salts, and mixtures thereof.
12. The composition of claim 1 wherein the thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of organic solids, silicone solids, gellants, inorganic particulates, and mixtures thereof.
13. The composition of claim 1 wherein the anhydrous carrier is a cyclic silicone fluid having from at least about 3 silicone atoms to about 7 silicone atoms.
14. The composition of claim 1 further comprising a pharmaceutical.
15. The composition of claim 1 further comprising a deodorant agent.
16. The composition of claim 1 further comprising an antimicrobial.

17. A method for inhibiting or preventing perspiration, which method comprises the step of topically applying to skin the composition of claim 1 in an amount sufficient to provide antiperspirant efficacy.
18. The method of claim 17 wherein the volatile anhydrous carrier leaves behind a skin-adhering polymer and active-containing film positioned over the sweat ducts to resist flaking and/or rub-off during perspiration.
19. A method of applying topically to the underarm from about 0.1g to about 20g the composition of claim 1 to reduce or inhibit perspiration wetness.
20. The method of making the composition of claim 1, which method comprises the step of providing a) a skin-adhering system comprising: i) a skin-adhering polymer; and ii) one or more volatile solvents; b) an antiperspirant active; c) a thickening agent; and d) an anhydrous carrier.